

In view of this, the Applicant has amended claims 9 and 18 to include the subject matter of the claims from which they depend from, respectively.

The Applicant also would like to point out to the Examiner that claim 7 was not rejected on the basis of any cited prior art and therefore should now be allowable.

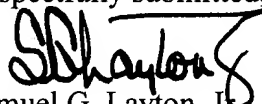
NEW CLAIMS

New claims 24-31 are directed to further embodiments of the invention that are supported in the specification at pages 7-13.

Conclusions

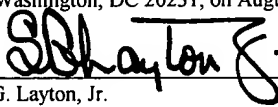
Based on these submissions, the Applicant respectfully suggests that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the claims under USC 112, second paragraph, USC 102 and USC 103(a) as the invention is clearly claimed and is both novel and inventive.

Respectfully submitted,



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